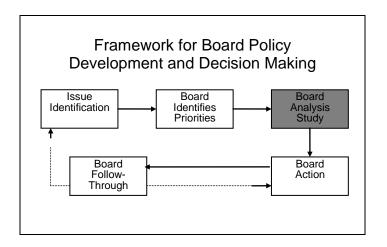
## Iowa State Board of Education

## **Executive Summary**

January 26, 2012



**Agenda Item:** Celebrating Progress: North High School, Des Moines

**lowa Goal:** All PK-12 students will achieve at a high level.

**Equity Impact** 

**Statement:** Data nationally and in lowa reflect differences in

achievement for students from impoverished

backgrounds, students with disabilities, and students

from non-majority cultural backgrounds.

**Presenters:** Matt Smith, Principal

North High School

Des Moines Independent Community School District

Bryce Amos, Executive Director

Learning Services and Secondary Schools

Des Moines Independent Community School District

Attachments: None

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board hear and discuss

this information.

**Background:** North High School in Des Moines was identified as one of

lowa's persistently lowest achieving schools in 2009. Their achievement results on the lowa Assessment from the 2010-2011 school year show significant gains in

reading and math proficiency.

A team from North High School will share changes and improvements made at the school during the past 18 months that led to achievement gains, how they will build

on the success, and what challenges remain.